

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for storing a firearm, the firearm being of the type including an elongated barrel, a clip receiving portion and a trigger, the device comprising:

a frame for securing the device to a surface, the frame including:

(a) an elongated longitudinally extending bar,

(b) means for selectively positioning the frame relative to the surface, the means for positioning being connected to the bar,

(c) a central support plate,

(d) a pair of spaced apart tubes, and

(e) a pair of spaced apart trigger shields,

means for enclosing and locking the clip receiving portion of said firearm to said ~~apparatus~~ device,

means for securing and locking the open end of said barrel to the ~~apparatus~~ device, and

means for shielding and preventing unwanted access to said trigger ~~mechanism~~, said trigger shields defining the means for shielding.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the means for securing and locking the open end of the barrel comprises:

- (a) a lock housing lockable to the frame;
- (b) a latch moveable to and from a locked position, the latch being disposed outwardly of the lock housing and interlocked with the frame;
- (c) means for biasing the latch member away from the locked position, and
- (d) means for releasing the latch from the locked position and inwardly of the housing.

4. (Original) The device of claim 3 wherein the housing is a key lock, the means for releasing being a key actuable means for releasing.

5. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 3, wherein the lock housing includes:

- (a) a planar flange extending from the lock housing [[:]].
- (b) an elongated longitudinally extending barrel support member, said support member having a forward end adapted to be fitted to the open end of the barrel ; ~~and (e)~~ and a rearward end,
- (c) means for connecting the rearward end of the support member to the flange whereby the forward end of the support member is pivotably moveable relative to the rearward end, and

(d) means for biasing the support member such that the axis of the support member is generally maintained perpendicular to the plane of the flange.

6. (Original) The device of claim 5 wherein: the support member is a frusto-conical member, the forward end thereof being received inside of the barrel.

7. (Original) The device of claim 5 wherein: the support member is a hollowed out cylindrical body, the forward end thereof being received about the end of the barrel.

8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein: the means for enclosing and locking the clip receiving portion of said firearm to the ~~apparatus~~ device comprises:

(a) a cradle including a cover;

(b) a base; and

(c) a cover hingedly connected to the base, the cover being movable between an open position whereby the firearm may be positioned onto the base and a closed position in enclosing relation to the firearm.

9. (Original) The device of claim 8 which further comprises:

a lock member to lock the cover to the base to prevent unwanted removal of the firearm from the cradle.

10. (Original) The device of claim 9 wherein the lock member is an electromechanical lock, the lock being remotely controlled to enable electrical actuation.

11. Cancelled.

12. Cancelled.

13. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~12~~ 1 which further comprises:

(a) a plurality of engageable detents disposed along the length of each tube, and

(b) a latch member associated with each tube and carried by the means for securing each latch member engageable with a selected detent to selectively position the frame.

14. (Original) The device of claim 5 which further comprises:
a pair of barrel support members, and
wherein the device stores a pair of spaced apart firearms.

15. (New) A device for storing first and second firearms, each firearm being of the type including, in sequence, between a forward end to a rearward end, an elongated barrel having a discharge opening, an ammunition receiving slot, a trigger mechanism, and a stock, the device comprising:

a mounting bracket for securing said device to a stationary surface,

a first and second frame, said frames being configured for securing, locking, and storing a respective of said first and second firearms in a manner free from engagement with the stock of the firearm,

means for mounting said first and second frames to said mounting bracket in side-by-side relation to one another and said mounting bracket, each said frame comprising:

first means for enclosing and locking the ammunition receiving slot of the firearm,

second means for securing and locking the discharge opening formed at the forward end of the barrel, and

third means for shielding and preventing unwanted access to said trigger mechanism, said means for shielding being spaced from said second means.

16. (New) The device of claim 15, wherein
said means for mounting includes a mounting plate,
said frame includes an elongated longitudinally extending bar, said bar
having a rearward end portion connected to said mounting plate and a forward end
portion, and

said first means for locking and securing comprises upper and lower clam-
shell portions which move between an open first position wherein the lower clam-
shell is upwardly open to permit receipt or release of the firearm and a closed
second position wherein the upper clam shell is secured to the lower clam-shell and
about the firearm when disposed between the clam-shell portions.

17. (New) The device of Claim 16, further comprising:
means for selectively positioning said second means relative to said longitudinally
extending bar wherein to accommodate firearms of different length.

18. (New) The device of claim 17, wherein: said means for selectively
positioning comprises:

an array of apertures longitudinally disposed along the length of said
elongated longitudinally, and

said second means includes a locking member, said locking member being adapted to engage a desired of said apertures to thereby position the second means relative to said bar.

19. (New) The device of claim 16, wherein said third means comprises a pair of planar laterally spaced trigger shields, the shields being in juxtaposed closing relation against the trigger mechanism.